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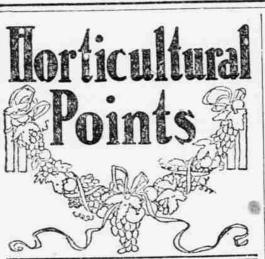
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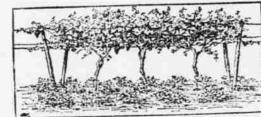


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INTEREST IN FRUIT GARDENS

Pleasure Increased by Growing Fruits Not Adapted to Climatic Region in Which Located.

The interest of a fruit garden may be greatly enhanced by growing therein plants not adapted naturally to the climatic region in which the garden is located, as, for instance, the growing of figs as far north as the latitude of Philadelphia. The summers of the region are sufficiently long and warm to induce a strong growth in the fig. but as the fruits normally require a long period in which to mature, the plant becomes useless as a fruit producer unless sufficient protection is afforded to carry over winter the immature fruits set the previous fall. This can be successfully accomplished in several ways. The most hardy sort should be selected, in addition to which the fruiting shoots may be wrapped in matting, covered with straw, and the fruits thus successfully protected; or, if it seems desirable, temporary sheds may be built over the plants, and these thatched with straw or fodder sufficiently to protect them from frost. Then, again, semihardy sorts may be tipped over by cutting the roots on one side, bending the branches close to the soil, pinning them down, and



Strawberries Under Grapevines.

then covering the whole plant with matting and earth or a straw thatch and earth. At the extreme northern that the log of earth is preferable to any other method, while at the South, where only slight profeetion is necessary, bending down and covering with pine boughs or thatching with cornstalks has proved most suc-

By the use of one or the other of these methods of protecting plants the peach has been grown and successfully fruited in the southern central part of South Dakota, along the

Missouri river. Besides these protective devices, sheltered places, where growth is retarded in spring, may be taken advantage of in order to hold back such early blooming plants as apricots, Japanese plums, etc. Apricots planted and trained on the north wall of a building are frequently sufficiently retarded at blooming time to insure a crop, while if planted in the open and trained as a "standard" the fruit crop

will be killed by late spring frosts. For commercial purposes the use of most of these protective measures is precluded on account of expense. The commercial grower cannot indulge in such expensive devices unless he has the assurance of obtaining a fancy price for his product. In a home fruit garden, however, it is different. The expense of protecting a half dozen plants is trifling, and many amateurs will incur it for the sake of the novelty of securing fruits naturally adapted to other climatic regions.

TO GUARD AGAINST RABBITS home!

Too Much Expense in Many Tree Protection Methods-Wire or Poison Keeps Animals Away.

Cornstalks, grasses, tar paper, and other materials are used in wrapping fruit trees for protection against rabbits, points out F. S. Merrill, assistant professor of horticulture in the Kansas State Agricultural college. Every move these wrappings, and this rethe long run is expensive.

"Successful results have been re- his destination at last. ported from the use of poisoned alfalfa spread near the runways," said Professor Merrill, "Caustic paints also have been used successfully at times in reducing the feeding of the

"The best method to protect fruit galvanized screen wire. This method has furnished protection except when the ground has been covered with snow, which allows the rabbit to work above the screen. To prevent injuries to the trees, cotton often is stuffed in at the top between the wire and the

NEED OF STRAWBERRY PATCH

Arrange to Secure Plants From Heighpor, or Get in Touch With Relia-Lio Nurseryman.

Plan to have a strawberry patch. If your neighbor has strawberries, arrange to secure plants from him; otherwise get in touch with a reliable nurseryman who grows strawberry

It was the evening of Good Friday and the rain that had started in the early morning was still drizzling down into the cheerless streets. Donald, in the doorway opening his umbrella preparatory to a trip to the movies two blocks down, stepped aside to let the

He just called her "the girl," for he didn't know her name yet. She was practically new to the building, and the didn't know her name yet. She was little sign on her door and the the entrance announced modestly. The entrance announced modestly. little sign on her door and the one in to the name of the person who did the

Donald turned and held open the inside door for her. "Thank you," she said simply, with a ghost of a smile, and passed on up the stairs.

An uncomfortable feeling took hold of him, as it always did if he saw a child hurt or a baby cry, a feeling that somehow he was responsible for the fact that someone in the world was not happy and that it was up to him to do PRUNE AND SPRAY ORCHARDS the best he could to make amends. It was such a dear old world. What was the use of being sad?

Donald's creed being practical as well as theoretical, he put his wits to work during the short walk downtown, and by the time he came to the dripping illuminated arch of the Lyric he had a plan mapped out that was calculated to banish dull care for the time at any in 40 Missouri orchards. These exrate, from the brow of the little music

By Saturday night "the Easter bunny," as he called himself, had such a layout on his sitting room table that magazines and cigar jar had been relegated to the floor. He had had no idea he was buying so much stuff, and when the bags and boxes had disgorged their contents he was appalled.

But when the bright red and green basket was trimmed up, with its nest of green grass, and its wonderful burden of chocolate eggs, cream eggs and eggs of all colors, pink rabbits, downy chickens and ducks full of bonbons, he decided that the artists were not all dead and that he was going to get this gorgeous Easter surprise to his sadhearted little neighbor if he had to take the very dead themselves to do

laundry baskets with case. He slid up he drop door in his own kitchen, pulled the rope and soon had his freight and nimself slowed comfortably on the littel shelf. A manipulation of the rope, and the cargo, human and festive, rose

upward through the dark chute. Donald touched the panel as he rose so that he would know when he came to the first door. This he knew to be his destination. But as fate would have it he went gliding on up through the dark, two stories instead of one and stopped at the drop door two

floors above. He disembarked and lifted off his freight as quickly as he could. Through the glass door to the fire escape came enough light for him to locate a table. He was in the act of laying his precious contributions upon this when the same light revealed a stout figure in the doorway which proceeded to yell lustily, "Help, murder,

Mrs. Wilker, by all that was holy! And he with his gorgeous burden for the poor little piano teacher! He could never explain! He must not be recog-

Quick as a flash he sprang to the door, gave the key a quick turn and was out with his burdens. Donald, down one flight, heard win-

lows opening below. He was before what he thought was his own back door. It took just an instant to smash the glass, reach in his hand and turn the key. Thank heaven! he was

But surprise had not ceased. The light flashed and a girl in a blue silk kimono stood before him staring ineredulously at the gayly decked basket, his tousled hair and knuckles that were dripping blood.

"You're hurt!" were her first words. "And you've been crying again!" he said in spite of the fact that his senses were swimming, and he had no idea how he, or the girl either, came to be spring, however, it is necessary to re- in this strange kitchen. But when she got a piece of linen and began to tear quires a great deal of labor and in it he realized she was at home and that he wasn't. But he had reached

He laid his offerings on the table "I-I'm the Eastern bunny!" he explained incoherently. Then seeing her mystification he told the whole thing while she tied up his hand.

The little sign "Piano Lessons" is gone now and instead there is one trees from rabbits is to band each that says, "This flat to let." But downtree when planting with a cylinder of stairs lives a happy couple that laugh whenever Mrs. Wilker tells for the hundredth time how she alone routed a desperate burglar the night before (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Considerate. "What's your dog's name?"

"Aristotle." What do you know about Ario

"Nothing, I just wanted to name the brute after somebody who had been dead so long there would be no chance of hurting his family's feelings."

The Proof of It.

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here in a good negative.

PROTECT YOUNG TREES

Mice and rabbits like tree bark as well as children like candy, 3 and it requires watchfulness to save young trees from being girdled by these little pests.

The rodents are kept away by wrapping trees with wire netting, or even tarred building paper; but paper is not so sure protection from mice. A six-inch in mound of earth well packed around the base of the tree will help to turn away mice, and if the snow also is tramped down around the trees the mice will not be so likely to get at them, 2 because they work under the sur-

AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER

Neglected Fruit Trees About Most Unprofitable Thing on Farm-Test at Missouri College.

Does orchard pruning and spraying pay? The answer is found in the results of co-operative experiments conducted by the College of Agriculture periments extended over a period of three years. They show first, that a neglected orchard is about the most unprofitable thing on the farm; second, that the best managed orchards in Missouri are producing more profit per

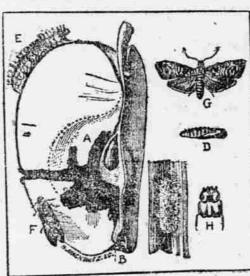
acre than any other farm crop. The average returns per acre of these 40 orchards during the last three years has been as follows: Properly pruned and sprayed areas, total received, \$176 per acre; net profit, \$143 per acre. Untreated areas, total received, \$18 per acre; net profit, noth-

In order to obtained records of the results part of each orchard was al- RECORDS OF BICE lowed to remain in its previous condition-not pruned and not sprayed. The experiments, in view of the results obained, show conclusively the advanages of renovation.

WAY TO KILL CODLING MOTH

Effective Method of Eradication Is to Scrape Larvae From Branches During Winter.

All fruit growers that have watched | But to obtain more and enough more the codling moth at all know that in the fall the full-grown worm, or larva, comes from the wormy apple, seeks a protected place under the rough bark or in the crotches of the trees, spins a cocoon about itself in which it remains inactive during the entire winter, writes George M. List, Colorado Agricultural college. With the coming of the warm days a change begins to take place, and shortly after the blossoms have fallen and the little apples, begin to form, the adult



Codling Moth-a, Wormy Apple; b, Entrance at Calyx; d, Pupa; e, Worm; g, Moth; h, Head of Worm, moth emerges from the cocoon to be-

age from 40 to 50 eggs, so if only a few partment of the college of agriculture

of these chrysalises or hybernating larvae are destroyed the number of eggs to be deposited will be greatly reduced. A large per cent of the wintering larvae can be destroyed by scraping all round bark from the trees, especially in and about the crotches of the trees. If the scraping is done during the winter the larvae not killed in the process will be destroyed by the exposure and the birds,

The sooner fruit growers come to begin to grow a larger per cent of vorm-free fruit.

TO RESTRAIN APPLE CANKER

Most Important Orchard Enemy Still Is Widespread Enemy-Continuous Attention Needed.

Correspondence with apple growers and inspection of orchards by the University of Nebrasku Indicate that bitter canker is sith a widespread and most important apple enemy. Apple scab and blotch are readily controlled by proper spraying. Canker, however, requires continuous attention if it is

to be held in control. Owners of infected orchards should write to the experiment stations of their stores for further information as to the best assigneds of control,

Roughages Are Relatively Cheaper Than Grain, but Should Not Be Fed Exclusively.

"Because of the large hay crop and the small demand for it new, roughages should be fed to the limit of the dairy cow's capacity, says Prof. C. C. Hay den of the Ohio exper Relatively, the rougheres, like hay and corn stover, are much cheaper than grains, and hay is of musually good quality. Roughage, of source, should not be fed exclusively, a such feeding might lead to compaction and death. even in dry cows and aeffers. Some grain is needed in every dairy ration."

This dairy specialist also declares "Choice alfalfa bay an \$20 a ton is cheaper than bran at S.R. Our experiments show that say bega hay is in the same class as attalfa, and clover is third. With corn at \$1 i bushel, clover hay should be worth about \$20 a ton, or S5 more than it is now instead." Timothy hay is recommended for

milking cows only in small quantities, to replace such graffs as corn and hominy. Leguninous laughages have proved far superior in numerous experiments to timothy for cows in milk.

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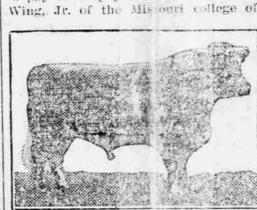
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rice of feed force The successful dairyman to secure the greatest return possible from his ou has if he has registered cows he expects more for his progeny than if he and only grades. to pay to keep pureled stock, L. W.



Champion Shorthorn Bull.

griculture, reminds the dairymen that he must be able to answer the following questions from the prospective buyer of a herd fire. Is the sire registered? What is the record of his dam? How many advance registry daughters and proved sons has his sire? And what are the records of his granddams and grandstres? If the breeder is selling a registered cow he must answer: Wha is her record; the record of her coms and granddams and the ability of hor sire and grandsires to produce advance registry daughters and proved sons.

. To answer these questions and meet the demands of buyer the breeder of purebred dairy entile must do official testing. This testing is under the supervision of the various state colleges gin laying its eggs about the little of agriculture. Exceders ready to take up this work or wishing further infor-Each female lays on the aver- mation, should write to the dairy deof their respective states.

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